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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language English, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-5	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1-5	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-5	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The present invention relates a method for the purification of human interferon beta (INF-beta) consisting of effective washing stage in which 40–60% propylene glycol is used.

The following documents have been considered for the purpose of the report:

D1: US 5244655 (Sep 14, 1993)

D2: US 4483849 (Nov 20, 1984)

1. Novelty

D1 describes a method for purifying of human INF-beta by RP-HPLC. D2 disclose a process for stabilizing purified human INF using propylene glycol, and the use of Affi-Gel Blue in column of affinity chromatography stage. The select use of 40–60% propylene glycol in washing stage is not disclosed in any of the prior art. Therefore, the subject-matter of claims 1–5 is considered to be novel under PCT Article 33(2).

2. Inventive Step

The present invention especially provides a purifying process of human INF-beta containing washing stage by 40–60% propylene glycol. D1 and D2 disclose the purifying process consisting of special techniques: Affi-Gel Blue in column of affinity chromatography stage, RP-HPLC and propylene glycol. The present invention shows a difference in the select use of propylene glycol in washing stage. However, the present invention claimed in claims 1–5 is considered to be easily invented by a person skilled in the art with knowledge of the prior art documents D1 and D2, without the exercise of inventive skill. Therefore, the subject-matter of claims 1–5 is not considered to involve an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3).

3. Industrial Applicability

The subject-matter of claims 1–5 is considered to be industrially applicable under PCT Article 33(4).